Informed consent and anonymity of children and young people in research

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Ethics have always challenged the childhood studies. In addition to general ethical principles, the researchers must pay attention to the age of the participants, the level of their development and their societal positions. New demands are set both by the financiers and the international publishers, but by the General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR of European Union too.

This symposium is arranged by the Ethical Committee on Youth and Childhood Studies. The current issues on ethics in the field of childhood research, are discussed in three presentations. The symposium is open to all professionals in childhood studies who are interested in research ethics.

The presentations are:

1) Legal Counsel Antti Ketola: Presentation on the new European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the study of minors. Finnish Social Science Data Archive.

2) Associate Professor Niina Rutanen: Informed consent and anonymity of children and young people in research. University of Jyväskylä, Department of Education.

3) Research Manager, Committee’s secretary Elina Pekkarinen: The issues raised in the Ethics Committee of Youth and Childhood Studies in Finland. Finnish Youth Research Network.

The chair of the symposium is Committee’s deputy chair Anna Anttila

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